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Criminal Homicide Arrest, 3800 W. 13th Street North

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) has arrested 18-year-old Easton Palmer of Wichita on charges of first-degree murder and aggravated robbery, stemming from a shooting that fatally injured 17-year-old Erik Stokes of Wichita.

On Tuesday, WPD released a video of two suspects involved in the homicide. After the release, WPD received numerous tips from the community, which led to the identification and arrest of Palmer. Palmer was arrested on Tuesday evening at a home in the 11200 block of west Dora without incident and booked into jail.

"Time and time again, the community helps solve violent crimes in Wichita," Chief Gordon Ramsay said. "This is a prime example, and we appreciate the community's help and continued support."

The investigation is still ongoing, and detectives are working on locating two other suspects involved in the crime.

At approximately 6:50 p.m. on Sunday, officers responded to a shooting at the apartment complex in the 3800 block of West 13th Street North. Upon arrival, officers located Stokes and a second 17-year-old male who had been shot. Stokes was pronounced deceased on the scene, and the second victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The investigation revealed five individuals were at the apartment when three suspects armed with handguns forced their way into the apartment. The five individuals went into a bedroom, and shots were fired by the suspects, striking the two victims.

The case number is 21C024270.

